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The present application is a continuation under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of international patent application serial no. PCT/US01/07209 to McKinnon et al. and entitled *Allocating Access Across Shared Communications Medium*, which was filed on March 7, 2001, and published in English on November 29, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference, and which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to the filing date of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/205,963 to McKinnon et al., which was filed on May 19, 2000, and which is incorporated herein by reference.

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